

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

June 2004

CATEGORY	JUN 2004	JUN 2003	YTD 04	YTD 03
CSEPP INCIDENTS	7	4	25	16
DOE INCIDENTS	3	5	5	9
FIRE	32	95	176	173
HAZMAT	157	152	904	877
OTHER	25	24	131	125
911 OUTAGES	6	4	13	18
SAR	44	70	244	256
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	7	4	37	26
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	281	358	1535	1500

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On June 3, at 0250 AM a compact car sized meteor entered the earth's atmosphere above the Puget Sound. All Western Washington Counties reported seeing this bright light and/or fireball traveling from north to south. EMD SEOO's acted as a disseminator of information advising county dispatch centers and 911 operators all the known facts concerning the meteor's fiery display.

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- On June 7, the National Weather Service in Pendleton, Oregon, issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Klickitat County. A Tornado Warning was issued for the same region quickly following this initial warning. The warnings were quickly cancelled within the same hour with no major damages reported from the storm.
- On June 10, the Washington State Alert and Warning Center successfully transferred telephone, fax, and National Warning System circuits to a remote location and sustained operations for three hours before successfully moving back into their permanent location in the State Emergency Operations Center.
- On June 12, the Chelan County Sheriff's office opened a search for a stranded hiker at the 8,200-foot level of Mt. Cashmere east of Ellensburg. A rescue helicopter from Fairchild Air Force Base and searchers from Kittitas County were coordinated to extract the hiker who was not equipped for the cold and was only wearing light clothing for a day hike. The hiker was recovered by helicopter the following day with no injuries.
- On June 16, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) received notice that 18 dairy cows at the John Koopman dairy farm in King County had an apparent toxic substance applied to the animal's hides in some way. These cows all showed signs of illness (lethargic, some down and all had diarrhea) with two cows subsequently "put down". Dark reddish iodine-like stains were observed on all these cows. Organ, tissue and milk samples were taken and subsequently sent to the laboratory for testing. These tests came back negative for organophosphate pesticide poisoning. The FDA Forensic Detection Lab in Cincinnati identified the compound as Chromic acid. Law enforcement officials later determined these cows were probably contaminated when this chemical dripped onto them from an overhead storage shelf.
- On June 17, the Washington State EOC assumed Phase II operations effective 1700 hrs in support of Pierce County's EOC activation. Pierce County EOC activated to assist in the coordination/support of a Presidential visitation to Fort Lewis. The State EOC returned to Phase I, routine operations, effective 1230 hours on June 18 as the presidential visitation concluded without incident.
- On June 25, UW Seismology Lab reported a 3.7 earthquake had occurred at 1438 hrs, 16 miles SSW of Mt Rainier – near Mineral Lake in Lewis County. There were no reports of damage or injury.

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- On June 25, the National Weather Service, Spokane issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning and a Flash Flood Warning for Ferry County in Northeast Washington. The weather front passed without major impact.
- On June 28, the National Weather Service, Pendleton issued a Flash Flood Warning for Southeast Columbia County. The weather front passed without major impact.

For the month of June 2004 the SEOO's:

- Issued 9 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Issued 10 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Conducted 535 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Coordinated 13 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
- Participated in 22 exercises of which 16 were vessel spill drills
- Made 1251 and answered 1440 telephone calls
- Conducted 58 National Warning System Tests, conducted 280 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
- Conducted 52 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
- Conducted 4 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 1 dedicated line test with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)
- Conducted 19 down wind trajectory connectivity communications tests with the Umatilla Military Storage Depot (D2PUFF)

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